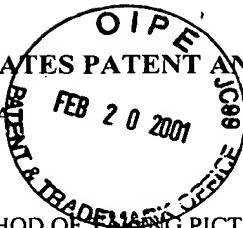


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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yuki MATSUSHIMA  
SERIAL NO: 09/726,559  
FILED: December 1, 2000  
FOR: CAMERA APPARATUS AND METHOD OF TAKING PICTURES



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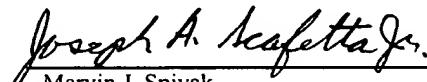
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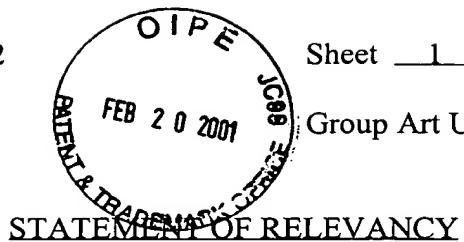
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**Reference AR (JP 2000-224465) on Form 1449:**

This reference discloses a digital still camera which determines image quality of image areas in the manner that reflects intension of the camera user. The inventor of the invention disclosed in this patent application is the same as the inventor of the present application (there is a name change).